

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD MARCH 14, 2006, 5:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: JOHN LEDOUX, PATRICIA HEALY, DOREEN PHILLIPS, ROBERT BELMAN, EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINBOLDT, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND NANETTE KIDBY, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY DR. LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the August 23, 2005 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Overnight Field Trip Request
- D. Approval to Upgrade Technology Education Lab - DMS
- E. Approval of Purchase: Apple Computers – NSHS Graphics Imaging Lab
- F. Religious Exemption Request

Special Presentation – VTS Productions – Chris Chandler

Information was shared by Chris Chandler, VTS Productions, concerning the possibility of a cable channel being provided to the School Board for use in airing meetings and school events. Mr. Belman and Ms. Kidby will meet with VTS for further discussion.

INFORMATION ITEMS **ES2006 Naming Committee**

The School Board reviewed the information provided by the ES2006 Naming Committee. Two names were offered for consideration: Anthony Burns and George Mason. This information will be shared with staff in an email and will also be posted to the school division's website. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

FY07 School Operating Budget

Ms. Healy requested an accounting of 922 positions hired since 2002. The School Board is expected to adopt the proposed FY2007 budgets by March 21, 2006.

Award of Contract: Roof Replacement – Fleet Services

The School Board reviewed the proposed Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at Fleet Services. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

Award of Contract: Upgrade of Bleachers at Various Schools

The School Board received information on the Award of Contract for the Upgrade of Bleachers at Various Schools. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

Advertisement for School Board Meetings & Agendas

The School Board received information on Advertisement for School Board Meetings and Agendas. No action was requested.

2007 Off-Site High School Graduations

The School Board received information on the possibility of off-site high school graduations beginning in 2007. A survey will be sent to juniors requesting input.

Closed Meeting

Motion: Dr. LeDoux

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia; and

To consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (7);

To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia; and

To discuss the possible acquisition of real property, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3) of the Code of Virginia.

Voting in favor of the motion were Dr. LeDoux, Ms. Healy, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Belman, Ms. Reinboldt, Ms. Kidby, and Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

7:00 p.m.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Ms. Reinboldt

Second: Ms. Healy

Voting in favor of the motion were Dr. LeDoux, Ms. Healy, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Belman, Ms. Reinboldt, Ms. Kidby, and Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke in support of full funding of the proposed FY2007 school budgets: Bill Kennedy, representing the Building Level Administrators Association, Matt Sutton, Kim Gilby, Wendy Fike, Bob Piersall, Karen Leyard, Madeline Bickel, Antoinette Hilliard, Lucy Burns, Gordon Howard, Janice Brunson, Carol Houchin, Lisa Ready, Loretta King, Tina Jenkins, Kim Miller, Deb Johnson, David Shaller, Pat Reynolds, Diana Flett, Sally Hildrup, and Debra Snyder. Laura Dean spoke concerning overcrowding at Rocky Run Elementary School. Joy King addressed the School Board regarding the Department of Transportation as it relates to a specific bus incident.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Student Matters - Discipline Committee

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE SCHOOL TRANSFER APPEALS 1-6 , AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee:

- Expelled Student A from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized him to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student B from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized him to attend the Middle School Alternative Education Program
- Upheld and affirmed Student C's long-term suspension from Stafford County Public Schools for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and authorized him to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.

Closed Session – Legal Consultation – 2.2-3711 (a) (7)

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE

SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAL THE HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2006. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of Acquisition of Property – Closed Session – 2.2-3711 (a) (3)

No action was taken.

Committee Reports (None)

Comments

Dr. LeDoux thanked the SEA and schools for their show of support to the School Board during School Board Appreciation Month. He thanked Mr. Boatwright for the tour of Wright Middle School and noted there were no science labs. Ms. Healy stated that she participated in the Rockhill Elementary School Improvement Plan Committee. Ms. Healy commented on another successful Senior Citizens Program at North Stafford High School. Ms. Healy suggested that Ms. Kidby be appointed as the School Board liaison to the Block Scheduling Evaluation Committee. There was no objection to this suggestion. Ms. Phillips suggested that the School Board sign a Code of Ethics statement. She requested information on teacher replacement options to avoid promotions. Mr. Belman stated that he participated in Grafton Village and Falmouth Elementary Schools' School Improvement Plan Committee. He also stated that he attended the Adopt-a-Classroom adoption at Stafford Middle School. Mr. Belman suggested that the School Board be involved in next year's Mock Government Day and also suggested that the school division have a booth at future Job Fairs which highlight business partnerships. Mr. Belman requested a cost benefit analysis for nonresident teachers bringing their children to Stafford County schools. Ms. Reinboldt stated that she attended the Job Fair and thanked staff for making it so successful. She also was interested in reviewing the policy on nonresident teachers enrolling their children to Stafford. Ms. Kidby also attended the Job Fair. She stated that the Student Information Management System is a priority for the schools. She questioned why Board meeting minutes were not available at the public library.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray announced that 370 candidates were interviewed at the Job Fair held at Colonial Forge High School with 29 contracts offered and 14 signed. Stafford County will attend the Virginia Teach-In in Richmond and will also host the Student VEA Conference on, comprised of 250 juniors and seniors who plan on becoming teachers, April 7-8 at Mountain View High School.

Dr. Murray announced the appointment of Catherine Williams, currently Assistant Principal at Wright Middle School, to the position of Supervisor of Special Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

Project Lead the Way

The School Board received information on the \$50,000 grant received from the Department of Education for Project Lead the Way. No action was requested.

Stafford Teen News Video Production

The School Board received an update on the Stafford Teen News Video Production. No action was requested.

ACTION ITEMS

Statement of Support for the National Guard & Reserve

MOTION MADE BY DR LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dixon-Smith Testing Services – Change Order

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER FOR DIXON-SMITH TESTING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO FROEHLING & ROBERTSON OF SPOTSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE DR. LEDOUX, MS. HEALY, MS. PHILLIPS, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MS. KIDBY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program Priorities

The School Board reviewed information on the proposed CIP Priorities. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.